and to give suggestions for the consideration of Government. There is no use of facing the Legislature with a *fait accompli*. After the thing is over, the Legislative Council can do nothing. We can simply read and enjoy it. There must be some machinery devised and I do not think, the present Government is not incapable of it, so that we may have the right of increasing association of the representatives of the people with Government in all their activities. I do not want to put any difficulties in the way. As we now stand, we trust our Diwan fully in the matter, that he will do everything that he thinks best for us. In the Council as well as in the country outside, there is always a feeling that we are being taken more and more into the confidence of the Government and I only make this appeal, so that the policy to be pursued in full responsible government may not be lost sight of. Sooner or later, all these officers will have to be out, and if we have no experience in dealing with confidential matters like this, we will be at a disadvantage. Therefore, I make these observations.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Sir, when the whole budget is presented before the House even non-votable items are placed before it. Though not actually voted upon, the amount is shown there.

Mr. President: We are not presenting a budget now.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Though not the actual budget, these are supplementaries to the budget. Non-votable items may be marked in italics. Nevertheless, they should pass through the House.

Mr. President: We will follow that procedure in future.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether this particular staff of the Assistant Engineer is only to prepare the details of the scheme or whether this section will form the nucleus of a future electrical department? What I want to know is whether Government have any idea of undertaking the distribution themselves or whether the Trichur Municipality in Trichur and the Chandrie & Co. in Ernakulam will be the distributors ?

Mr. President: The existing licensees will be given power in bulk. Government are not going to distribute it.

Demand put and carried

15. Rs. 1,500 under "18—Police—Motor boat charges"

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police:)* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,500 under "18—Police—Motor Boat Charges". The necessity for this

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grant has been fully explained in the notes to the Standing Finance Committee. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Is it for repairs?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Demand put and carried.

16&17. Rs. 3,150 under "11—Forests & Tramway—A. I. a. 1" and Rs. 10,075 under "11—Forests & Tramway—A. 1. a. 2"

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 3,150 under "11—Forests and Tramway—A. 1. a. 1". I may also be permitted to move along with it the next item, *viz.*, Rs. 10,075 under "11 Forests and Tramway—A. 1-a. 2" as both are related to the same subject. The necessity for these grants has been set forth in the note placed before the Standing Finance Committee, and I request that the House may be pleased to grant them.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir, may I know what exactly will be the amount that will be realised on account of this contract?

Mr. President : Prices cannot be given out. It will be approximately over 1 lakh.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether there was any other contractor who could have taken up this work? This gentleman does not seem to be a Cochinite contractor.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* There was no question of Cochin or non-Cochinite contractors. We do not confine our sales of timber to Cochinites alone.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether any attempt was made by Government to fetch the highest price?

Mr. President : Some of these questions take my breath away.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* We cannot help it. Here is a huge contract to the extent of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of rupees. We would like to know whether it would have been possible for Government to fetch higher amounts, than this. It is not an attempt to take the President's breath away.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* These are species which have ordinarily no market. The sale was effected

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